High Yielding Rice Development Programme

769. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa has shown tremendous achievements under the High Yielding Rice Development Programme (Integrated programme for rice development);

(b) number of blocks covered under the scheme in Orissa; and

(c) names of blocks in Jaipur and Cuttack districts of Orissa where the programme is being implemented and proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) From 1994-95 the Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD) has been modified as Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice) to increase the productivity and production of rice together with other cereals followed in Rice Based Cropping Systems as against the individual crop approach. The scheme is being implemented in 115 identified blocks of Orissa. All the components of the scheme are being implemented in all the blocks of the State. However, the components of field demonstrations on Improved Crop Production Technologies and farmers Training are being implemented in identified blocks only. During implementation of the scheme the rice production in Orissa has shown increasing trend.

(c) Korei and Bari blocks of Jajpur district are covered under the scheme. No block in Cuttack district is covered as the productivity of rice in these blocks is higher than the State average.